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Senate

The Senate met at 9:31 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, so often we come to You listing out our urgent petitions. With loving kindness and faithfulness, You guide and provide. You bless us beyond our expectations and give us what we need on time and in time. Today, Lord, our prayer is for a much better memory of how You have heard and answered our petitions in the past. Now, we really need the gift of a grateful heart.

We commit this day to count our blessings. We thank You for the gift of life, for our relationship with You, for Your grace and forgiveness, for our families and friends, for the privilege of work to do well, for problems and perplexities that force us to trust You more, and for the assurance that You can use even the dark threads of difficulties in weaving the tapestry of our lives. Knowing how You delight in blessing thankful people, we thank You in advance for Your strength and care today. Lord, thank You, not just for what You do, but for who You are, blessed God and loving Father. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator SMITH of New Hampshire, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I would like to announce that today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Sen-

ate will resume consideration of S. 1415, the tobacco legislation, with several amendments still pending. It is hoped that short time agreements can be reached on those amendments so that remaining amendments to this important bill may be offered and debated.

As a reminder to all Members, a cloture motion was filed by the minority leader to the tobacco committee substitute. Under rule XXII, Senators have until 1 p.m. today to file first-degree amendments to the modified tobacco committee substitute. The leader has also announced that there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. Therefore, the cloture vote and any votes offered with respect to the tobacco bill today will be postponed to occur at a later date. As always, Members will be notified of the voting schedule next week as it becomes available.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes.

The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized for 30 minutes.

(The remarks of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire pertaining to the introduction of S. 2135 and S.J. Res. 49 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. CLELAND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the order, the Senator from Georgia is recognized for 10 minutes.

THE NEED FOR MANAGED CARE REFORM: A TRAGEDY IN GEORGIA

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, the distinguished Senator from New Hampshire has spoken eloquently about young people and the lives of young people and how we ought to be concerned on their behalf. I would like to spend a moment of the Senate's time speaking about a young boy in my State, James Adams, of Fairburn, GA, who is now 5 years old. Because of the rules of his parents' HMO, what happened to him in March of 1993, when he was only 6 months old, has changed his life forever.

The Senator from New Hampshire was speaking of right and wrong about young people. What happened to James Adams of Fairburn, GA, was not right.

James was suffering from a fever of over 100 degrees. Like 160 million other Americans, his parents were enrolled in a managed health care plan. James' mother took him to his HMO plan pediatrician, who diagnosed only a respiratory ailment and post-nasal drip. He prescribed only saline drops, vaporizer use, and Tylenol every four hours. James' mother was told not to worry, that high fevers in young children do not necessarily mean serious illness.

Later that night, his temperature was still rising and he was in great discomfort. James' worried mother called her HMO directly. The nurse on duty recommended bathing James in cold water. A pediatrician then placed a follow-up call, advising the parents to bring James to an HMO-participating hospital—42 miles away.

On the way to the hospital, as his parents' car sped past multiple other hospitals in Atlanta not covered by the Adams' HMO, James suffered full cardiac and respiratory arrest, and lost consciousness. His parents decided they simply couldn't wait to get him to the HMO hospital—James needed care immediately. His parents pulled into the closest hospital they could find—still 6

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